RECENT CHANGES TO ENDANGERED SPECIES CRITICAL HABITAT DESIGNATION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Recent Changes to Endangered Species Critical Habitat Designation and Implementation". Testimony was heard from Dan Ashe, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held a hearing on H.R. 3881, the "Cooperative Management of Mineral Rights Act of 2015". Testimony was heard from Glenn Casamassa, Association Deputy Chief, National Forest System, U.S. Forest Service; and public witnesses.

DOCUMENT PRODUCTION STATUS UPDATE, PART II

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "Document Production Status Update, Part II". Testimony was heard from Howard Shelanski, Administrator, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget; Jim R. Esquea, Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services; and Jonathan E. Meyer, Deputy General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security.

DATA ACT: MONITORING IMPLEMENTATION PROGRESS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Sub-committee on Government Operations; and Sub-committee on Information Technology, held a joint hearing entitled "DATA Act: Monitoring Implementation Progress". Testimony was heard from Michelle Sager, Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; David Mader, Controller, Office of Federal Financial Management, Office of Management and Budget; David A. Lebryk, Fiscal Assistant Secretary, Department of the Treasury; and Michael Peckham, Executive Director, DATA Act Program Management Office, Department of Health and Human Services.

THE COMMERCIAL SPACE LAUNCH INDUSTRY: SMALL SATELLITE OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Sub-committee on Space held a hearing entitled "The Commercial Space Launch Industry: Small Satellite Opportunities and Challenges". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

A CONTINUED ASSESSMENT OF DELAYS IN VETERANS' ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled "A Continued Assessment of Delays in Veterans' Access to Health Care". Testimony was heard from David Shulkin, M.D., Under Secretary for Health, Department of Veterans Affairs; Larry Reinkemeyer, Director, Kansas City Office of Audits and Evaluations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; and Debra Draper, Director, Health Care Team, Government Accountability Office.

TAX RETURN FILING SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on the tax return filing season. Testimony was heard from Representative Renacci; John Koskinen, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service; Timothy Camus, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations and Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, Department of the Treasury; and Jessica Lucas-Judy, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office.

Joint Meetings

EUROPEAN JEWISH COMMUNITIES

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine anticipating and preventing deadly attacks on European Jewish communities, after receiving testimony from Rabbi Andrew Baker, Personal Representative of the Office for Security and Co-operation in Europe Chairman-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism, Washington, D.C.; Jonathan Biermann, Crisis Cell for Belgian Jewish Community, Brussels, Belgium; John Farmer, Rutgers University Faith-Based Communities Security Program, Newark, New Jersey; and Paul Goldenberg, Secure Community Network, Cream Ridge, New Jersey.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for Defense innovation and research, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2017 for the Environmental Protection Agency, 10:45 a.m., SD–124.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower, to hold hearings to examine Navy and Marine Corps aviation programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for fiscal year 2017 and the Future Years Defense Program, 2 p.m., SR–232A.

Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings to examine the current state of research, diagnosis, and treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury, 2:30 p.m., SR–222.

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine restoring stability to government operations, 10:30 a.m., SD-608.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine the state of the United States maritime industry, focusing on stakeholder perspectives, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine new approaches and innovative technologies to improve water supply, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider an original bill to prevent identity theft and tax refund fraud, and an original bill entitled, "Taxpayer Protection Act of 2016", 10 a.m., SD–215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to receive a closed briefing on an Administration update on the Mosul Dam, 5 p.m., SVC-217.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the administrative state, focusing on an examination of Federal rulemaking, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Inga S. Bernstein, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, Stephanie A. Gallagher, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland, Suzanne Mitchell, and Scott L. Palk, both to be a United States District Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, and Ronald G. Russell, to be United States District Judge for the District of Utah, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Committee on Rules and Administration: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Carla D. Hayden, of Maryland, to be Librarian of Congress, 2:15 p.m., SR-301.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, markup on the Legislative Branch Appropriations Bill, FY 2017, 11:30 a.m., HT-2 Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, 11:30 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, 1:30 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Projection Forces, markup on H.R. 4909, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017, 3 p.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Energy and Power; and Subcommittee on Environment and

the Economy, joint hearing entitled "Fiscal Year 2017 Nuclear Regulatory Commission Budget", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Select Investigative Panel of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, hearing entitled "The Pricing of Fetal Tissue", 10 a.m., HVC–210.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "How Secure are U.S. Bioresearch Labs? Preventing the Next Safety Lapse", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Health, markup on H.R. 4978, the "Nurturing and Supporting Healthy Babies Act"; H.R. 4641, to provide for the establishment of an inter-agency task force to review, modify, and update best practices for pain management and prescribing pain medication, and for other purposes; H.R. 3680, the "Co-Prescribing to Reduce Overdoses Act of 2015"; H.R. 3691, the "Improving Treatment for Pregnant and Postpartum Women Act"; H.R. 1818, the "Veteran Emergency Medical Technician Support Act"; the "Opioid Use Disorder Treatment Expansion and Modernization Act"; H.R. 3250, the "DXM Abuse Prevention Act"; H.R. 4969, the "John Thomas Decker Act of 2016"; H.R. 4586, "Lali's Law"; H.R. 4599, the "Reducing Unused Medications Act of 2016"; H.R. 4976, the "Opioid Review Modernization Act"; and the "Examining Opioid Treatment Infrastructure Act of 2016", 1:30 p.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 1150, the "Frank R. Wolf International Religious Freedom Act of 2015"; H.R. 3694, the "Strategy to Oppose Predatory Organ Trafficking Act"; H.R. 4939, the "United States-Caribbean Strategic Engagement Act of 2016"; H. Con. Res. 88, reaffirming the Taiwan Relations Act and the Six Assurances as the cornerstone of United States-Taiwan relations; S. 284, the "Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act"; and S. 2143, to provide for the authority for the successors and assigns of the Starr-Camargo Bridge Company to maintain and operate a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Rio Grande City, Texas, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on S. 1890, the "Defend Trade Secrets Act of 2016"; S. 125, the "Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015"; H.R. 3380, the "Transnational Drug Trafficking Act of 2015"; and H.R. 4985, to amend the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act to protect classified information in Federal court challenges, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1869, the "Environmental Compliance Cost Transparency Act of 2015"; H.R. 2993, the "Water Recycling Acceleration Act of 2015"; and H.R. 4582, the "Save Our Salmon (SOS) Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing entitled "Exploring Current Natural Resource Research Efforts and the Future of America's Land-Grant Colleges and Universities", 10:30 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Technology, hearing entitled "Federal Cybersecurity Detection, Response, and Mitigation", 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on the Interior, hearing entitled "Barriers to Endangered Species Act Delisting, Part I", 1 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Energy, hearing entitled "An Overview of Fusion Energy Science", 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Small Business, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Small Business and the Federal Government: How Cyber-Attacks Threaten Both", 11 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions; H.R. 4957, to designate the Federal building located at 99 New York Avenue, N.E., in the District of Columbia as the "Ariel Rios Federal Building"; H.R. 4937, the "Protecting our Infrastructure of Pipelines and Enhancing Safety Act of 2016"; H.R. 4231, to direct the Librarian of Congress to obtain a stained glass panel depicting the seal of the District of Columbia and install the panel among the stained glass panels depicting the seals of States which overlook the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building; and possible other matters cleared for consideration, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, hearing on H.R. 2460, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the provision of adult day health care services for veterans; H.R. 3956, the "VA Health Center Management Stability and Improvement Act"; H.R. 3974, the "Grow Our Own Directive: Physician Assistant Employment and Education Act of 2015"; H.R. 3989, the "Support Our Military Caregivers Act"; draft legislation to ensure that each VA medical facility complies with requirements relating to scheduling veterans for health care appointments and to improve the uniform application of directives; and draft legislation to direct VA to establish a list of drugs that require an increased level of informed consent, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled "A Review of Veterans Preference in Federal Government Hiring", 2:30 p.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 4923, the "American Manufacturing Competitiveness Act of 2016", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Joint Economic Committee: to hold hearings to examine our complex tax code and the economy, 2:30 p.m., SD-562.